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Ca. 1855-1920

Loys Survey District

Rocky Ridge vicinity

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)
Transportation

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Education/school/schoolhouse
Commerce/Trade/speciality store/store
Transportation/rail-related/railroad depot

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Loys Survey District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13400-13500 blocks of Old Frederick Road & 9000 block not for publication
of Old Mill Roadcity, town Rocky Ridge X vicinity of congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>X</u> district	<u>X</u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Multiple ownersstreet & number telephone no.: city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title date federal state county local depository for survey records city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 8

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-69

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(Typed on separate sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

General Directory of Frederick City and a Business Directory of Frederick County,
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Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 26

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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7.1 Description:

The Loys Survey District is comprised of eight contributing resources located along Old Mill Road and Old Frederick Road where it intersects with the Western Maryland Railroad tracks. The district dates from 1870, and its development directly relates to the establishment of the rail line. Buildings in the district are oriented to Old Frederick Road, Old Mill Road and the railroad tracks.

During the period of its significance, the district contained a schoolhouse and a depot and was otherwise residential. All of the buildings are of frame construction with the exception of the former schoolhouse which is stuccoed. The predominant type of building in the district is a two story, 3 bay I-house based on a common vernacular designs in the region.

The building that today houses a business, Picturesque Landscapes, formerly served as the depot (Building #2 on map). Located with orientation to both Old Frederick Road and the tracks, this 1 & 1/2 story building has the form of a warehouse or a barn. It is sheathed in german siding and has a corrugated tin gable roof. Its gable end faces the road; the main facade with two sliding doors faces the tracks. A drive-through shed roofed overhang extends from the south elevation. In form, this building strongly represents railroad commercialism.

A house situated to the east of the depot (13501 Old Frederick Road) was C.W. Loy's residence. The principal elevation faces west towards the road and sits perpendicular to tracks on the north side. Constructed between 1858 and 1870, the building is a 2 story, 3 bay house with a gable roof of standing seam tin. The frame, rusticated siding is coursed to resemble brick. The cornice is decorated with bracketing. Windows are 6/6 lights. A one story, full facade porch covers the main facade.

Three buildings line the south side of the tracks to the east of Old Frederick Road. All three of the buildings are two story, 3 bay frame I-houses with main facades facing the tracks. The buildings were constructed circa 1885. The house at 13423 Old Frederick Road is sheathed in weatherboard with a gable roof of standing seam tin. It has 2/2 windows and a bracketed cornice. Building # 3 is covered in asbestos tile shingles and has a standing seam tin gable roof. It has 6/6 windows and a hipped entry porch. Building # 2 is sided in aluminum and has a standing seam tin roof. It is decorated with an ornate cornice and a hipped entry porch with a bracketed cornice. Windows are 2/2.

Building # 1 is located on the west side of Old Frederick Road to the north of the tracks. The principal facade is oriented to the road, east facing. Constructed circa 1855, this house predated the railroad. It is a 2 story frame building, 4 bays wide, with a hipped roof of pressed tin. Hipped roof dormers are located in the roofline. The building is sheathed in german siding. A side gable projects as a bay. A new one story porch partially covers the facade.

7.2 Description:

The building at 13416 Old Frederick Road was constructed circa 1885 and is a 2 story, 3 bay frame I-house. It is covered in aluminum siding and has a gable roof of standing seam tin. A hipped roof porch is full facade length. Windows are 2/2.

9010 Old Mill Road is a one story stucco building that was originally an early twentieth century schoolhouse. The gable roof runs north to south with the south end facing the road. There is weatherboard in the gable ends and incomplete cornice returns. Fenestration consists of large 6/6 windows throughout. A one story enclosed porch partially covers the west and south elevations.

Two non-contributing buildings are interspersed with the contributing resources: 9006 Old Mill Road is a one story gable roofed house, sheathed in aluminum, that dates from the mid-twentieth century, and 13424 Old Frederick Road is a ranch house.

Today, the district functions in mostly a residential capacity with one commercial business housed in the former depot. The original focus of the railroad that led to development has shifted to a focus on Old Frederick Road as an artery into the northern region of the county. The integrity of the district is greatly intact despite this shift; most of the buildings have retained original materials such as german siding, weatherboard, pressed tin roofing and late nineteenth century decorative details. Train traffic still runs through Loys but is not significant to its present-day function. In building types and layout, however, the district continues to have a railroad district appearance.

8.1 Significance:

The Loys Survey District is significant in representing a late nineteenth century village that developed where the railroad tracks intersected with a major early road, Old Frederick Road. Several residences, a former schoolhouse and the original depot comprise the district which demonstrates a homogenous architectural character: the I-house form was utilized for the five principal residences. The buildings in the district display varying degrees of ornamentation that indicate some prosperity during the period of significance.

Many towns sprung up along the rail line in the Piedmont area that included Frederick County from the mid to late nineteenth century. Once the importance of the railroad declined by the mid-twentieth century, many of the towns became neglected losing their original character and purpose. The Lantz Survey District (F-6-51) exemplifies such a town but still conveys the sense of a late nineteenth century railroad district through its basic configuration. In comparison to Lantz and other railroad villages like it, the Loys Survey District has a much greater level of integrity and has retained a high percentage of historic fabric and detail.

The Western Maryland Railroad began its operations by 1870. The line extended into Pennsylvania allowing the northern section of Frederick county expansion, economic growth and opportunities. The Loys Survey District developed in conjunction with the rail line in 1870. Before that time, the district was a portion of an area owned by D.S. Loy. Building # 1 was probably the house associated with Loy's property. By 1873, the small village had developed with six buildings including the depot, C.W. Loy's residence (13501 Old Frederick Road), and J. Martin's residence (probably the D.S. Loy House, Building # 1). In 1886, the district had a population of 30. By 1900, most of the principal buildings had probably been constructed. In 1910, C.W. Loy was referred to as a merchant of Loy's station (Williams. Vol. II, 811).

While the buildings in Loys are vernacular, they display decorative details that elevated their simple I-house design. Such details included hipped roof entry porches with brackets and spindles and bracketed or decorative cornices. Building # 1 which probably existed before the development of the district differs from the others with elements like a hipped roof and a side gable projecting bay. The scale and design of Building # 1 also help to upscale the appearance of the district. C.W. Loy's house also shows more elaborate details and elements such as rusticated siding and a decorative cornice than the other buildings in Loys, and suggests that he was the village's most influential resident.

The growth of the district associated with the railroad commercialism continued into the early twentieth century with the construction of the schoolhouse. By the mid-twentieth century, the decline of the railroad business was experienced in the district and throughout the county. By this time, the significant period of the district had ended.

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Frederick County

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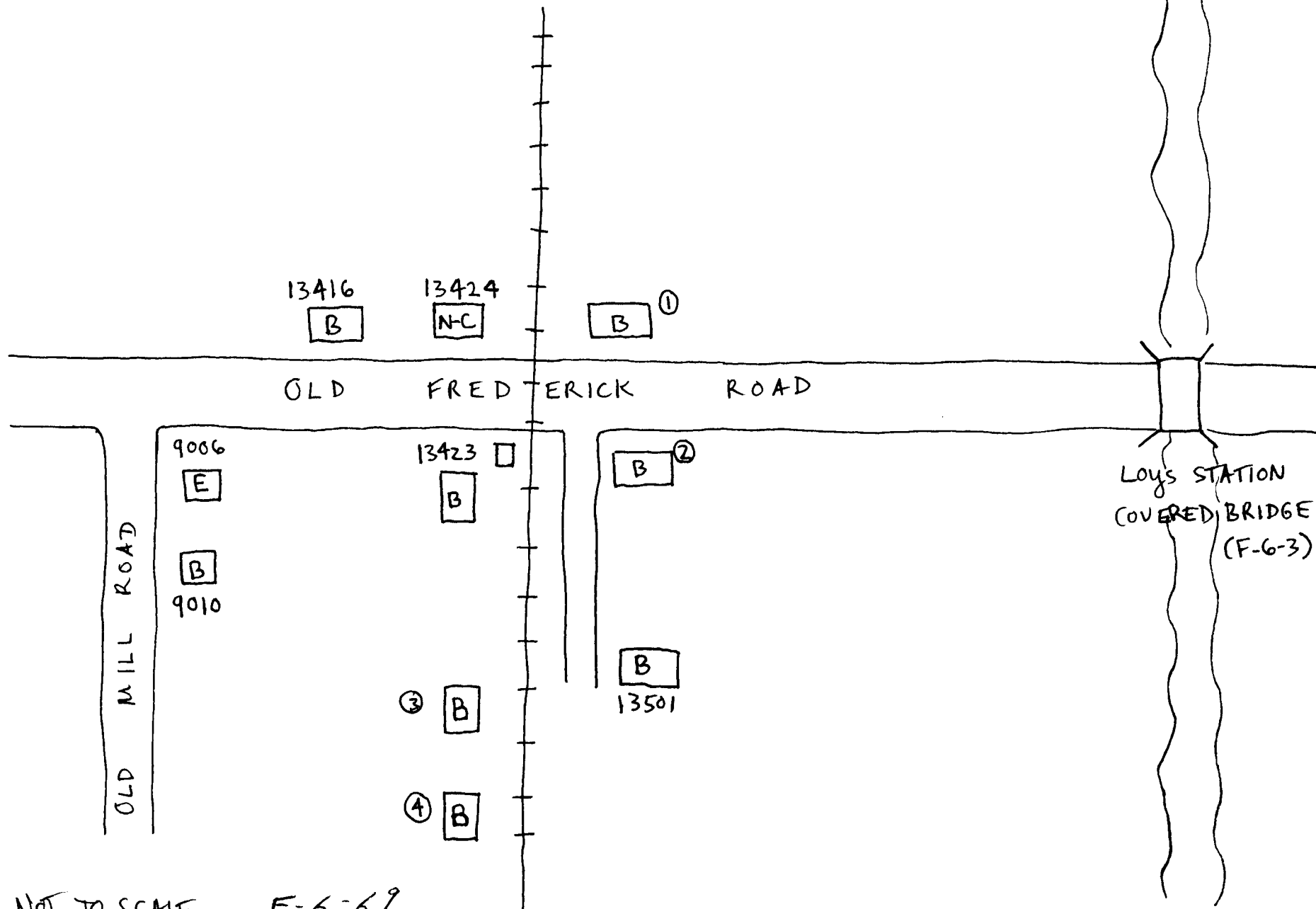
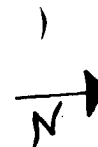
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LOY'S SURVEY DISTRICT
Rocky Ridge vicinity, Maryland
Frederick County

resource sketch map, May 1991
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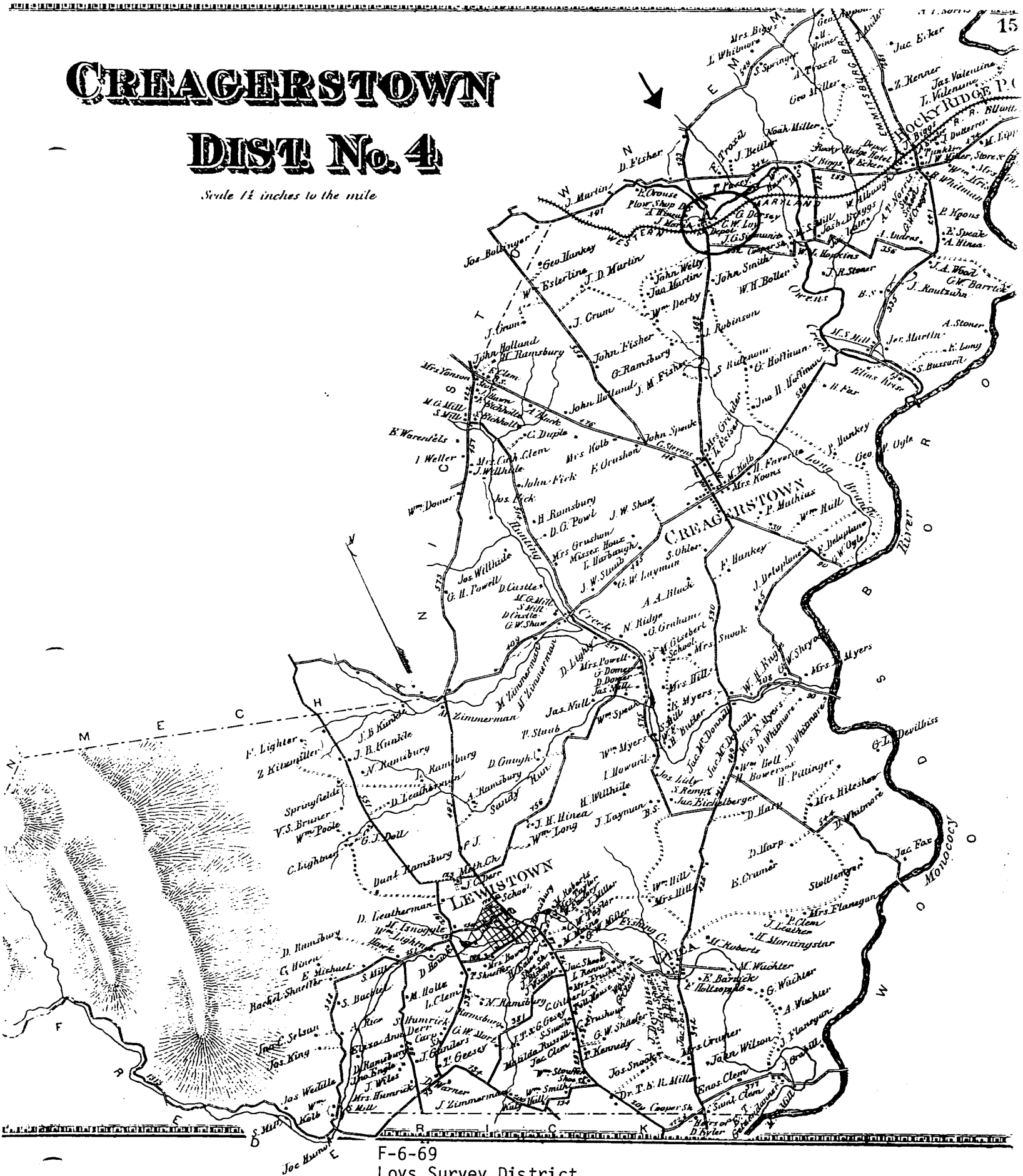


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DIST No. 4

Scale 1/2 inches to the mile



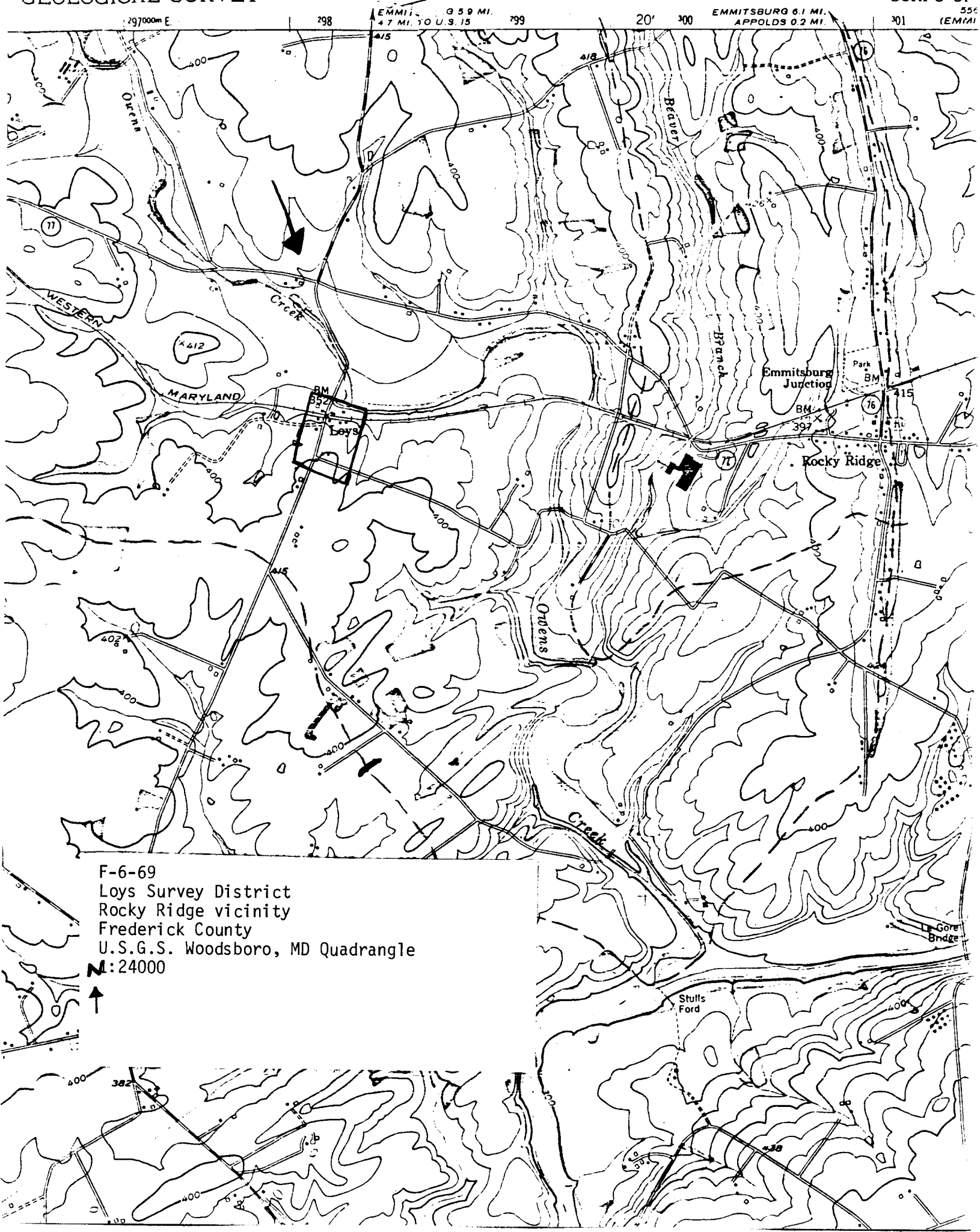
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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County 1873





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Rocky Ridge vicinity

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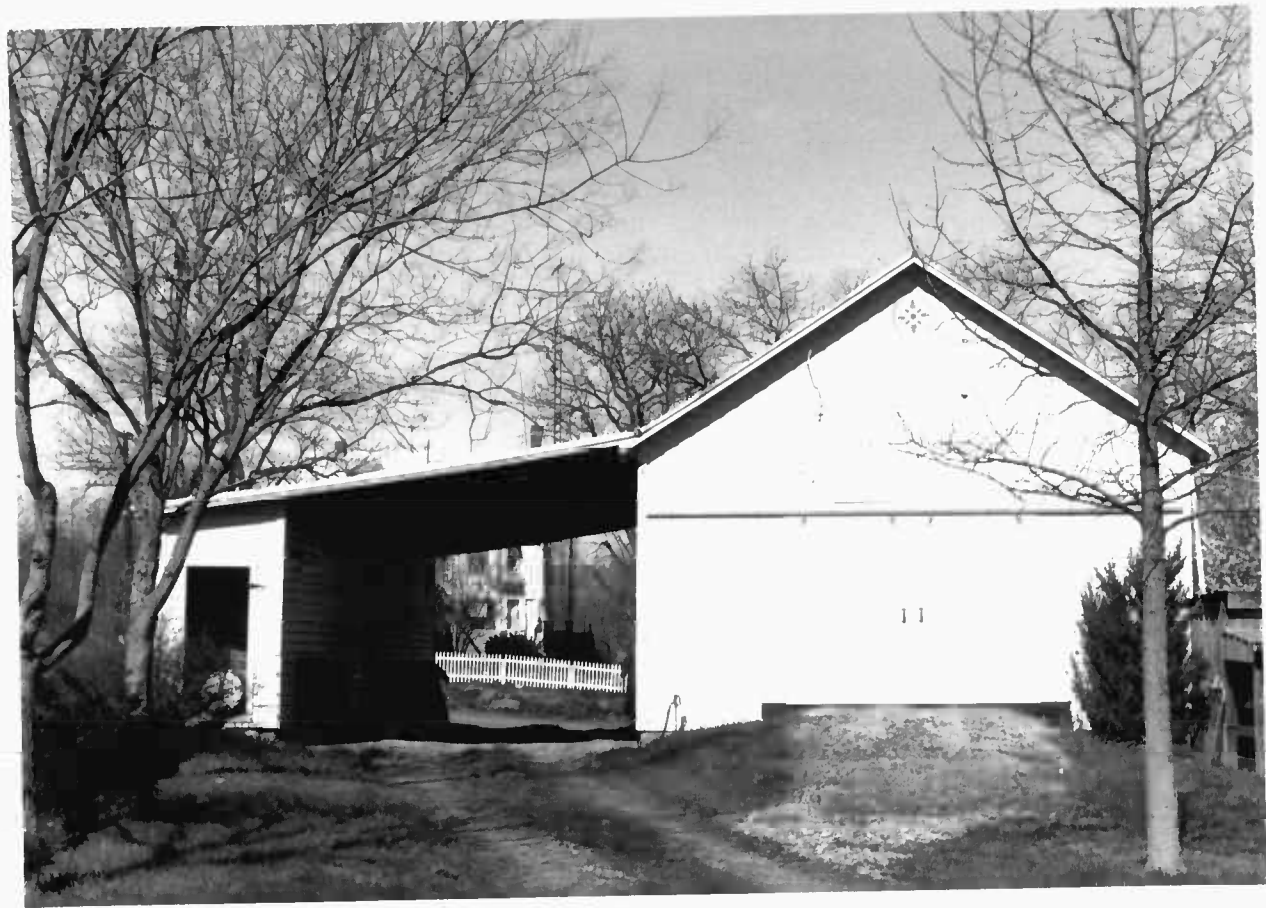
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(Center of district - RR tracks - looking west



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Loys SURVEY DISTRICT
Old Fredenck Road
Rocky Ridge vicinity
Fredenck County

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East elevation - Drive-Through Warehouse on tracks



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Southeast corner - house on w/s of tracks



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I-HASE - s/s of tracks, facing north



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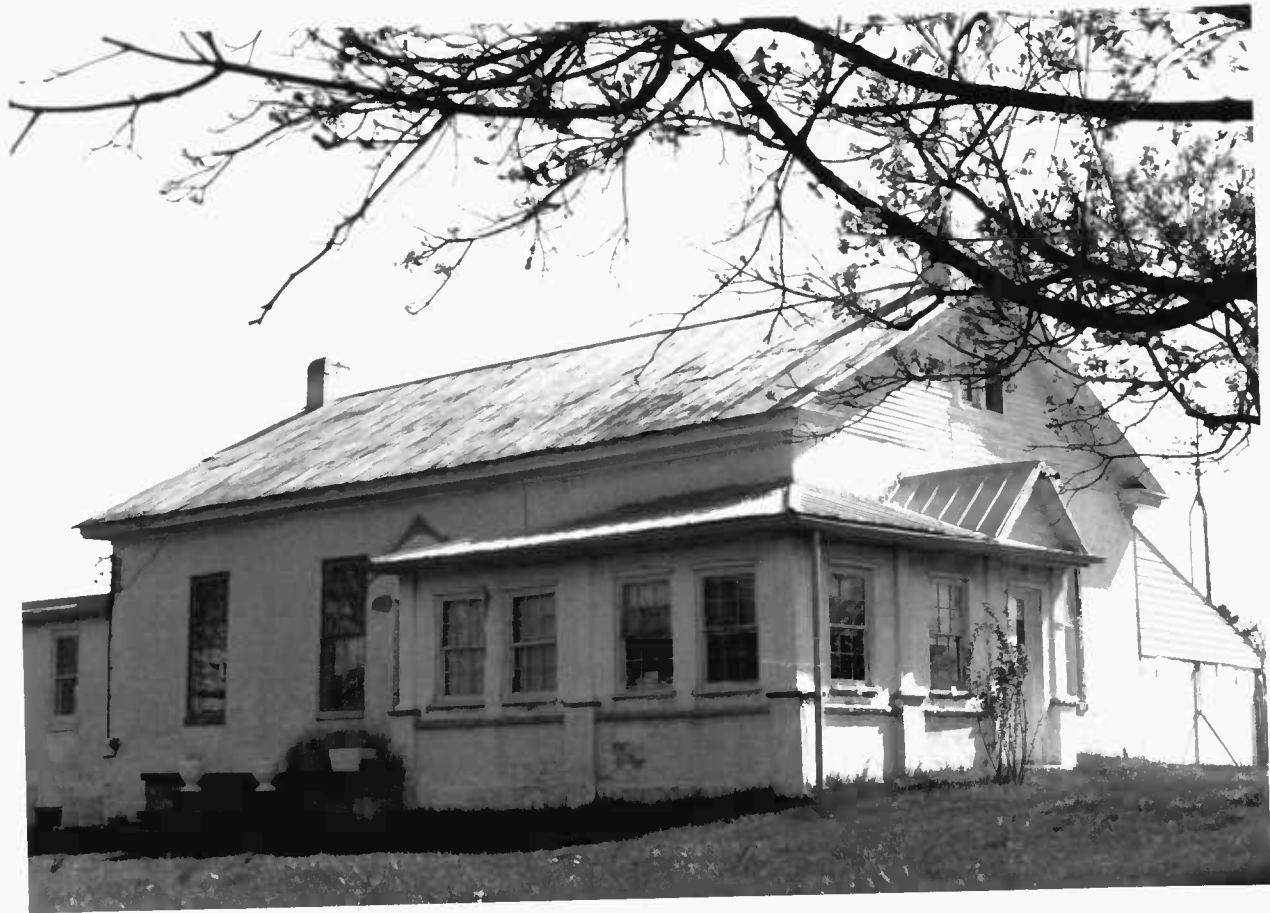
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13423 Old Fred. Rd. - S/S of tracks

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9010 Old Mill Road - Schoolhouse